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(*b*) whether the teachers are allowed to adjust from the provident fund towards life insurance policies in all such institutions where the scheme exists or whether the systems differ and if so, in what respect;

(*c*) whether the provident fund can be invested only in Government securities or savings bank (postal) or in postal cash certificates;

(*d*) what the rules are that govern the investment of provident funds, their conversion and withdrawal and whether they would be placed on the table of this House;

(*e*) whether the Government have received any representations that the machinery which deals with these funds is very slow to act and that steps should be taken to expedite work so as to prevent losses to teachers in investing, reinvesting and withdrawing; and

(*f*) what, if any, are the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this connexion?

A.—(*a*) It is presumed that the reference is to the Provident Fund for teachers in non-pensionable service. This fund is for the benefit of teachers in recognized educational institutions under private management; teachers in institutions managed by local bodies are not allowed to subscribe to this fund.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules relating to the fund published at pages 73–79 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st February 1933.

(*e*) *&* (*f*) No representations of the kind have been received.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" May I know whether any resolution of the South Indian Teachers' Association has been sent up to the Government in that connexion? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The answer says that no representation has been received."

Delay in the disposal of applications from teachers for closing their provident fund accounts.

* 733 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications in the Presidency in each of the last three years received from teachers in non-pensionable service in aided secondary schools for permanent closure of their provident fund accounts;

(*b*) the number of applications in each of the said years, on which full claims have been paid together with contributions from the Government;

(*c*) the number of applications in which contributions from the Government alone, are pending payment; and

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(*d*) the normal amount of period in dealing with such applications and the maximum delay and minimum delay in the last three years?

A.—The Government have no information and do not consider the subject to be of sufficient importance to justify the time involved in obtaining the information asked for.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"My only idea in sending up this question is not to get the figures for any fancy purposes but to point out to the Government the delay . . ."

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Order, order; the hon. Member has to put only the supplementary question; I have been observing that the hon. Member is invariably making a speech every time."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"I was premising my interpellation. May I ask the Hon. Minister to see that the matter is expedited so that there will not be any delay?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I shall consider if any further steps are required for expediting these applications."

Amount of grant allotted under Elementary Education during the years 1934–35 *and* 1935–36.

* 734 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of Elementary Education grant allotted to each district during the years 1934–35 and 1935–36;

(*b*) the amount of Elementary Education grant which has remained unspent in each district during the period; and

(*c*) how the allotment to each district is made by the department and what the principles followed are when the grant is allotted to each district?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the reference is to the teaching grant allotment. The particulars relating to the year 1934–35 are given in the appended statement.[a] Similar figures for the year 1935–36 are not yet ready.

(*c*) Figures relating to the assessed grant for each district are supplied by the District Educational Officer in the case of boys' schools and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools in the case of girls' schools and the available budget provision is distributed with reference to these figures in the same proportion to all District Educational Councils.

Representations for the reduction of tuition fees in the Law College, Madras.

* 735 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received for reducing the rate of tuition fees in the Law College at Madras; and

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 620 infra.